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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL DIRECTOR RINZLER TO LEBANON

BEIRUT REPORT SENT BY HEDITSIAN MARCH 14. SALIENT
POINTS FOLLOW:

1. KASLIK INCLUDED, BUT IN SMALLER PROPORTION.
2. EMBASSY IN BEIRUT WILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE THE AID OF
A HIGH LEBANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO INVOLVE TOP NAME
LEBANESE SINGER FOR THE PROGRAM. NAMES OF ACCEPTABLE
SINGERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. EMBASSY WILL ALSO IMPRESS
ON LEBANESE OFFICIALS THE NEED FOR A CONFIRMED DECISION
TO THE SMITHSONIAN BY APRIL 1 IN ORDER TO GET FUNDING
SQUARED AWAY.
3. THROUGH LOMAX LIST, WE WERE ABLE TO LOCATE FIRST-
RATE ENGLISH-SPEAKING PRESENTER WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN
TRADITIONAL DANCE AND ALSO IS PERFORMER ON MANY
INSTRUMENTS. HE ALSO WILL BRING AN ADDITIONAL DANCE
CONTINGENT AND A PORTION OF THE MTEIN DANCE
AND MUSIC GROUP WITH HIM.
4. RINZLER WILL HAD CARRY PHOTOS OF MARKET AND
PERFORMERS.

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